

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN COUNTY

Green Team Minutes

July 9, 2015

The Green Team meeting was held this date at the Mansfield Township Municipal Building, 100 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, N.J. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.

Present : Joe Watters, Connie Andershonis, Dawn Smith, Robert Jewell, Leigh Raffaele,  
and JoAnn Fascenelli

Absent : Elaine Drazek

Also Present: Michael Misertino

**Sustainable Jersey Recertification:** Mrs. Fascenelli thanked Mrs. Andershonis for doing an excellent job submitting the applicable documents for recertification.

Mrs. Andershonis stated that 20 action items were submitted totaling 225 points. Five of the 20 were priority actions. The natural resource inventory was approved for 20 points. The support local businesses action item needs to be revised by September 13, 2015 in order to quality. Mrs. Raffaele advised she is sending emails and will visit local businesses that did not provide an email address or did not respond. Mrs. Andershonis said Sustainable Jersey requires proof that letters were sent out.

Per Mrs. Andershonis Sustainable Jersey provided remarks on several items submitted as follows:

Carbon Footprint – Outstanding job. Very, very thorough.

Education for Sustainability Programs – It's great to see the Clean Communities' funds being used to support education for sustainability. Keep up the good work.

Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal – Very well written narrative.

**Reusable Bag Education Program:** Mrs. Andershonis said the presentation to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes of the Mansfield Elementary School went very well and there were questions after the video was viewed.

**Carbon Footprint:** On July 8, 2015 the Township Committee authorized Mrs. Andershonis along with Mr. Proefrock to view purchase orders in order to obtain the necessary information in order to update the carbon footprint.

**Materials Reuse Program:** Town-wide yard sale is scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup> & April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The Township Committee authorized the Green Team to send letters to the Fire Companies to see if they wish to participate in this event.

**Possible Action Items for Grants:** The Green Team discussed action items that could qualify for grants (Natural Resource Inventory, Community Garden, and Easement Inventory).

Other action items briefly discussed were: Clustering Ordinance, Community Asset Mapping, Raingardens, Green Fair, Smoke Free Public Places, Historic Preservation Element (indicates the location and significance of historic sites and historic districts; identifies the standards used to assess worthiness for historic site or district identification), and Water Conservation Ordinance.

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

July 22, 2015 – Moth Night – Liberty Township Municipal Building (349 Mountain Lake Rd.) 8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

October 24, 2015 – Free Town-Wide Paper Shredding Event – Mansfield Township Department of Public Works (1710 Route 57) 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

November 21, 2015 – Electronic Waste, Scrap Metal, & Large Rigid Plastics Collection – Mansfield Township Department of Public Works (1710 Route 57) 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Next Green Team meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Fascenelli